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Commissioner:

Please extend the time to complete the filing of a response to Application 10/810,184 filed 29 March 2004. Form PTO/SB/22 is attached requesting a 30 day extension of time. A check in the amount of \$60.00 is also enclosed to pay the required small entity fee.

Respectfully,

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